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**Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting
April 14, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Room 521 - Blatt Building**

ARCHIVED VIDEO

- I. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Committee Postings and Reports," then under House Standing Committees click on "Legislative Oversight". Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

MINUTES

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings.
- II. The House Legislative Oversight Committee (Committee) was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, in Room 516 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman Newton made brief welcoming remarks and general announcements. All Members were present for the meeting, except for the Honorable Nathan Ballentine and the Honorable Walton McLeod.
- III. Chairman Newton submitted proposed minutes from the Committee's previous meeting, February 5, 2015. The Honorable Edward R. Tallon Sr. moved to approve the minutes. There were multiple seconds. A roll call vote was held, and all present voted in favor of approval.

Rep. Tallon’s Motion to Approve the Minutes from the Committee February 5, 2015, meeting	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
1. Nathan Ballentine			(Not Present)
2. William K. “Bill” Bowers	Yea		
3. Gary E. Clary	Yea		
4. Raye Felder	Yea		
5. Kirkman Finlay, III	Yea		
6. Laurie Slade Funderburk			(Not Present)
7. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	Yea		
9. Mia S. McLeod	Yea		
10. Walton J. McLeod			(Not Present)
11. Ralph W. Norman			(Not Present)
12. Joshua A. Putnam			(Not Present)
13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III	Yea		
14. Samuel Rivers, Jr.	Yea		
15. James E. Smith, Jr.			(Not Present)
16. Tommy M. Stringer			(Not Present)
17. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon	Yea		
18. Bill Taylor	Yea		
19. Robert Q. Williams			(Not Present)
20. Wm. Weston J. Newton	Yea		

IV. The next order of business was a status update of agencies. An update was provided on the current status of agencies’ Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report submissions to the Committee. Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Report guidelines were sent to 65 agencies on March 2, 2015, and 49 have provided reports and of these a number have restructuring recommendations. Twenty agencies have been granted extensions, and there are 15 deadlines upcoming. One agency has not provided the report or requested an extension but has indicated the agency’s submission is in progress.

These reports will be published online for the public to review. Chairman Newton informed the Committee that staff is in the process of reviewing the reports and compiling a list of those that did and did not provide restructuring recommendations, and pursuant to Standard Practice 4.2 this list will be published online. For agencies currently being studied, these reports will be used to send a program evaluation report to the agencies.

As these Restructuring and Seven-Year Plan Reports asked the agencies for their mission and vision, Chairman Newton suggested the Committee may wish to consider stating its mission and vision to the public. The Committee’s mission or purpose is already set forth in statute, House Rules and Committee Standard Practices. The Committee’s mission is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed or eliminated. Further the mission includes informing the public about state agencies. A suggested vision for the Committee is for South Carolina agencies to become, and continuously remain, the most effective state agencies in the country through processes which eliminate waste and efficiently

deploy resources thereby creating greater confidence in state government. Representative Raye Felder made a motion to approve the vision statement as suggested, and this motion was seconded by Representative Ralph W. Norman.

Rep. Felder’s Motion to Approve the Vision Statement as Suggested:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
1. Nathan Ballentine			(Not Present)
2. William K. “Bill” Bowers	Yea		
3. Gary E. Clary	Yea		
4. Raye Felder	Yea		
5. Kirkman Finlay, III	Yea		
6. Laurie Slade Funderburk	Yea		
7. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	Yea		
9. Mia S. McLeod			(Not Present)
10. Walton J. McLeod			(Not Present)
11. Ralph W. Norman	Yea		
12. Joshua A. Putnam			(Not Present)
13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III	Yea		
14. Samuel Rivers, Jr.	Yea		
15. James E. Smith, Jr.			(Not Present)
16. Tommy M. Stringer	Yea		
17. Edward R. “Eddie” Tallon	Yea		
18. Bill Taylor	Yea		
19. Robert Q. Williams			(Not Present)
20. Wm. Weston J. Newton	Yea		

Next an update was provided about agencies currently under review. Highlights include three full committee meetings and five subcommittee meetings. It was noted the Committee established a priority for reviews: (1) Comptroller General’s Office, (2) Department of Transportation, (3) First Steps to School Readiness, (4) Department of Social Services, and (5) Department of Juvenile Justice. The five subcommittees held entry meetings with their assigned agencies in February and March.

A discussion was held about ways constituents may take part in the Committee’s legislative oversight process. It was noted a free, webinar to help inform the public about how to have their voice heard and take part in the House Legislative Oversight Process was scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. It was further noted that a video of the webinar will be placed on the Committee’s website. Also, a brochure is online that may be helpful in addressing questions about how the public may participate in the Committee’s legislative oversight process. Additionally, it was noted that a survey would be available on the Committee’s website to receive constituent input soon. Anyone with comments about the survey format were asked to share those comments with staff. As Committee Standard Practice 9.1.1 requires an agency under review to inform its staff it is undergoing a legislative oversight study and the purpose of the investigation, agencies under review will be asked to inform staff about the survey and information available on the Committee’s website.

- V. The Committee discussed the program evaluation report format, including addressing questions from Rep. Felder and Rep. Norman, as the next step in the Committee’s process is to send a program evaluation report request to the five agencies currently under review. Anyone with comments about the program evaluation report format was asked to share those comments with staff. It was noted that a subcommittee may ask for request for information under Section 2-2-50(A).
- VI. The Committee considered additional agencies to begin to study in 2015. It was noted that agencies were considered for their connection to current agencies under study as well as varying sizes of large and small agencies. It was recommended that the following agencies be added to the first five agencies under study in this priority:

- (6) State Transportation Infrastructure Bank to be studied by the Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Regulatory Subcommittee, which is currently studying the Department of Transportation;
- (7) School for the Deaf and Blind to be studied by the Education and Cultural Subcommittee, which is currently studying the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness;
- (8) Commission for the Blind to be studied by the Healthcare Subcommittee, which is currently studying the Department of Social Services;
- (9) Department of Public Safety to be studied by the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee, which is currently studying the Department of Juvenile Justice; and
- (10) Treasurer’s Office to be studied by the Executive Subcommittee, which is currently studying the Comptroller General’s Office.

Representative Kirkman Finlay III made a motion to approve the Committee studying these five additional agencies in the order as recommended; this motion was seconded by Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk. Further, Representative Funderburk requested that the Senate be informed of the agencies the Committee selected.

Representative Finlay’s Motion to Approve Additional Agencies for Study and their Priority for Study as Recommended:	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
1. Nathan Ballentine			(Not Present)
2. William K. “Bill” Bowers	Yea		
3. Gary E. Clary	Yea		
4. Raye Felder	Yea		
5. Kirkman Finlay, III	Yea		
6. Laurie Slade Funderburk	Yea		
7. Phyllis Henderson	Yea		
8. Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.	Yea		
9. Mia S. McLeod	Yea		
10. Walton J. McLeod			(Not Present)
11. Ralph W. Norman	Yea		

12. Joshua A. Putnam	Yea		
13. Robert L. Ridgeway, III	Yea		
14. Samuel Rivers, Jr.	Yea		
15. James E. Smith, Jr.	Yea		
16. Tommy M. Stringer	Yea		
17. Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon	Yea		
18. Bill Taylor	Yea		
19. Robert Q. Williams	Yea		
20. Wm. Weston J. Newton	Yea		

VII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.